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1. The Senate Appropriations Committee completed its action on the appropriations for a CIA headquarters installation. It authorized \$3,000,000 for the preparation of detail plans and specifications, \$4,000,000 for the extension of the George Washington Memorial Parkway provided the Agency locates at Langley, and \$350,000 for the acquisition of a site if the Agency were not to locate at Langley. The \$7,000,000 are a direct appropriation and are not from unobligated balances. The Senate Committee report (No. 1094) reads as follows:

"The committee has approved \$3 million for planning and \$4 million for roads and purchase of site, including not to exceed \$350,000 for land purchase, if needed when final decision on the selection of the site is made. The committee believes that further careful study and investigation should be made before the site is finally determined. There is much objection locally to the proposed Langley site. In addition, the traffic problem may be difficult. The committee believes that the proposed construction of the building should be commenced. Therefore, planning money is included. Money for the George Washington Memorial Parkway should be used only if the Langley site is finally chosen. The committee believes that a proper site can be acquired for less than \$350,000 and so has put that limitation in the appropriation."

2. While waiting for the Committee to report out the bill I was joined by Mr. Sam Neal and Mr. Roger Fisher, opponents of the Langley site, who were quite confident that they had the matter blocked. However, Mr. Neal assured me that if they lost this round they would fight until the "last stone was in place" and hinted at court action, including attempts to enjoin the Board of County Supervisors from spending funds for extension of sewers.

3. In early discussions of the CIA appropriation, the Committee leaned toward having a subcommittee inspect the sites prior to reaching a decision. This idea was subsequently dropped. Sen. Saltonstall led

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the fight for CIA in this matter. His Assistant has informed me that the security argument as applied to the Langley tract was the most persuasive.

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4. I am informed that Sen. Kennedy, whose new house is about a mile from the site as the crow flies, is not very happy about the location, but will not take any position against it. He also feels that any improvements to Route 123 will be a blessing. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who will lose some property to the new Parkway, has signed Mr. Smith's petition in favor of CIA.

5. Sen. Smith (R., N.J.) has introduced S. 2614, a bill to establish a Joint Committee on Foreign Intelligence. Sen. Smith has introduced a series of bills to implement recommendations of the Hoover Commission and this bill is one of that series.